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## GOVERNMENT IS NOW MAKING CENSUS OF STANDING TIMBER

Returns Show Only Timber Enough Standing to Supply Country's Need For From Nine to Twenty Years.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The National Conservation Commission has caused the first comprehensive attempt at a census of the standing timber in the United States ever undertaken. The Forest Service has for several years been eager to take such a census, and the Bureau of the Census has expressed its willingness to cooperate, but funds have never been available. The Conservation Commission, however, needs the information to help complete its inventory of the country's natural resources, which it will include in its report to the President, and since that report is to be submitted on the first of next year, it needs the information at once. In consequence the work on the Census has been started with a rush and is now under full headway.

## Slight Exaggeration.

It may be a slight exaggeration to speak of a census of timber, for of course it is impossible to count the individual trees in the forest; even the most ambitious plans of the Forest Service and the Bureau of the Census did not contemplate that. But a trained man can with great accuracy "raise" a tract of forest and estimate the number of board feet it contains.

Large portions of the forests of the country, including practically all the National Forests, have been estimated at various times, but these figures have never been brought together and no organized effort has ever been made to gather them into one total, nor to supply the deficiencies were hitherto estimates have been made.

As a result, the guesses as to the amount of standing timber in the United States range all the way from 822,682 million to 2,000 billion board feet—a difference of more than a trillion feet in the estimates of the best qualified authorities in the country.

## Billions of Feet

In the opinion of the Forest Service, the most carefully prepared estimates yet made are those by the Twelfth Census in 1900. These placed the total stumpage at 1,390 billion board feet. Mr. Gannett, it so happens has been chosen by the President to compile all the information gathered for the Commission, and with his previous acquaintance with the subject of forestry, he is at work now enlarging the knowledge of forest areas at present available.

## Importance of Census.

The importance of this census lies largely in the fact that it will give an accurate basis for computing how long our timber supplies will last. Through the co-operation of the Forest Service and the Census Bureau the country's annual consumption of wood is known with tolerable accuracy, although even here there are some discrepancies, because a large amount of wood is used for posts, fuel, and domestic purposes, for which no satisfactory data have yet been collected. But the consensus of opinion among those equipped to judge is that the present annual consumption is about 100 billion board feet, or something more than that. On a leading author-

ity has placed it as high as 150 billion board feet.

## Limit to Supply.

Assuming a stumpage of 1,400 billion feet, an annual use of 100 billion feet, and neglecting growth in the calculation, the exhaustion of our timber supply is indicated in 14 years. Assuming the same use and stand, with an annual growth of 40 billion feet we have a supply for 23 years. Assuming an annual use of 150 billion feet, the first supposition becomes 9 years, and the second 13 years. Assuming a stand of 2,000 billion feet, a use of 100 billion feet, and neglecting growth, we have 20 years' supply. Assuming the same conditions, with an annual growth of 40 billion feet, we have 33 years' supply. With an annual use of 150 billion feet these estimates become, respectively, 13 and 15 years.

It is apparent from these computations why the National Conservation Commission considers the census of timber so essential to the preparation of its inventory.

## Chief Difference.

The chief difference between the methods now being employed by the Conservation Commission and those the Bureau of the Census would use are that while the Bureau would send out enumerators to make personal visits to all parts of the country, the Commission is aiming at the same results through a tremendous amount of correspondence. For instance, 3,190 letters have gone to County Clerks, asking for statements of forest areas in their counties. Seven thousand lumbermen and timberland owners have been asked to supply similar information. In all nearly 150,000 letters have been sent. These letters also ask for a wide variety of information beside the area and capacity of forests. They touch upon all phases not only of the lumbering and milling industries but of all others which are even indirectly dependent upon the use of wood. The purpose of the Commission is not merely to learn how much wood is growing now, but how long it may be expected to last and how the supply may be prolonged by economy.

## All Departments.

All Government Departments and bureaus which have any information about forests, as well as many large corporations, such as land grant railroads, which hold big forest tracts in some States and have cruised them carefully, have turned it over to Mr. Gannett.

The Forest Service naturally has the largest fund of information, and it is gathering more constantly, either independently or with the help of the Census Bureau. The Departments of War, the Interior, and Commerce and Labor can turn over the amounts of timber standing on military light-house, and other reservations. The Bureau of Corporations of the Department of Commerce and Labor has sent out an extensive schedule of inquiry to its special agents which, it is hoped, will add to the present information concerning the manufacture of wood. All the States of the Union are co-operating and will furnish statistics concerning State forest lands.

## Real Friendship.

I account that one of the greatest demonstrations of real friendship that a friend can really endeavor to have his friend advanced in honor, in reputation, in the opinion of wit or learning, before himself.—Jeremy Taylor.

## Only Way to Get Him.

A Pennsylvania man fell out of a tree and dislocated his neck. He was able to throw it back into place without the help of a doctor. It is evident that the only way fate can lay up this man is to have him enter politics.

## SEE LITTLE OF THEIR CITY.

Washingtonians Overlook the Beauties of the Capital.

Washington is a town of entrancing interest if one but gets inside the subject—if one comprehends the wonderful development that has gone on since the city site was a group of farms and the wonderful development that is taking place now.

The great things of Washington appear commonplace to Washington people. They see them so often that they do not see them at all. They ride by the capitol every day, but rarely tread the halls and corridors of the majestic old pile where so much world history has been made and is still making. They have no time to give to the interesting frescoes, the paintings, the statues and the stories of the place. They are too busy to do as strangers do—climb to the dome, get a glorious panorama and see the city at a glance. Also do the residents seem to shun the monument. It is so inconveniently situated, there being no street cars nearer to it than at least two squares.

They seldom stop to read the inscriptions on the memorials that abound. They do not flock to the National Museum, or the art gallery, or to Arlington or the Naval observatory. They do not go in great numbers to the pious shade of the close of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul or to the splendid grounds of the Catholic university. They neglect the Soldiers' Home unless they own an auto, and then perhaps their only comment is that the roads are good.

Washingtonians will walk till their bunsions burn in pursuing the beauties of the Jardin des Plantes and the royal gardens at Kew, but give not a thought to the remarkable collection and variety of tree and plant forms in the capitol grounds, the national Botanic garden, the grounds of the agricultural department and several of the public parks.

Washingtonians do patronize their libraries, for the population of the capital is, on the whole, bookish.

It is too bad that so many persons in following the beaten path from home to office and from office back to home overlook so much of Washington.—Washington Star.

## OLDEST SENATE EMPLOYEE DEAD.

Charles S. Draper's Name on Record as Far Back as 1852.

Charles S. Draper, the oldest employee of the senate, is dead.

Mr. Draper spent his entire business life in the capitol. His name appears on the records of the senate as far back as 1852.

When a young man he worked in various offices of the senate. In the early '60s he was appointed to the post of doorkeeper and messenger for Sergeant-at-Arms Brown. In this position he became known to every senator and official whose business carried him to the senate. Mr. Draper finally became the confidential man of the sergeant-at-arms.

He was looked upon by the senators comprising the district committee as an ideal man to attend to the affairs concerning the city and district. Upon the appointment of Senator McMillan as chairman of the district committee, Mr. Draper was transferred to service with the senator.

In this position he became widely known to every newspaper man and many business men in Washington, besides gaining the confidence of the senators on the committee.

Senator McMillan was succeeded by Senator Gallinger several years ago as chairman of the committee. Mr. Draper was transferred to the important post at the door of the diplomatic gallery. This was looked upon by senators and employees alike as a distinct honor.

Mr. Draper then began to form his wide acquaintance with members of the diplomatic corps, and was as well known by them as by senators and other men of national importance. In this last position he frequently entertained diplomats with interesting stories of American political life and was looked upon by them as a mine of information on senatorial topics.

## Useful Friends.

People are loved not for their goodness, their beauty, their wit or their wisdom, but for their utility. "Can he or she be of any use to me?" is the question which arises in the minds of many men and women when introduced, and if the answer is in the negative there is no continuance of the acquaintanceship.—Gentleman.

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